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1. Dr. Joseph K. Wirth, former Centrist Chancellor of Germany who lived in Switzerland during the Nazi regime, visited Freiburg-im-Breisgau - his home town - on 29 July 1945 with the object of enlisting the aid of prominent personalities in that city in the organization of a new "democratic" political party throughout Baden. This party is to include Protestants as well as Catholics.
2. It is reported that Archbishop Groeber of Freiburg has expressed his opposition to the formation of an exclusively Catholic party in Baden and favors an all-Christian party organized on the aforesaid principles. Dr. Wirth has moreover discussed the new party with Professor Walter Zucken, Protestant dean of the faculty of Economics and Law at the University of Freiburg.

(OSS Washington Comment: Dr. Joseph Wirth is connected with the movement in Switzerland, "Das Demokratische Deutschland", which aspires to become the core of the reconstruction of Germany.)

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